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Tuesday Dec. 30., 1890 at  
9.20 A. M. I started from Mt.  
Carroll for Fla. Mrs. Brown  
being my traveling companion  
to my Fla. home. Joy & Petal  
accompanied us to Chicago where  
we arrived a little after 2 P. M.  
of Tues. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. B. & my-  
self took a Hansom across the  
city from Union Depot to the  
Honore Route Depot, on  
Dearborn St. I think. Joy & Pet  
went over on Street Cars, & arrived  
soon after we did. In a little  
time Frank Johnson came  
& soon after Mabel Abernathy.  
We spent the P. M. in pleasant  
visit. About 5 o'clock Mabel  
left. Frank Johnson took us  
to Tea. While we were gone  
to Tea, Mrs Brownlee made  
the discovery that her Satchel



trace of it. Too bad, though fortunately she did not have much of value in it - the whole thing, satchel & all not worth more than five or six dollars, yet it was a source of much regret to us all.

At 7<sup>45</sup> <sup>P.M.</sup> we took the train on the Monon route, for Louisville where we arrived at 6 to 7 A.M. Wednesday morning. Here we had to transfer, by cars, to the Depot of the L. & N. Ry. from which we took cars to Nashville at 8<sup>30</sup> Wednesday Dec. 30, 1891. It was not a through train & hence had to travel in a "day car." It was very nicely fitted up, but quite full - crowded much of the way. Arrived at Nashville about 2 P.M. & had to wait till after 10 evening for the



main room from underneath.  
Had lower berths opposite  
each other. Arrived at  
Montgomery about 7 A.M.  
of New Years day.

Jan 11/91 Had a comfortable  
& uneventful trip from  
Montgomery to Jax, where  
we arrived about 9 in  
evening of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.

Took Bus to the Everett House.  
Had separate rooms & were  
charged \$1.50 each for the  
one nights lodging. Were too  
late to get our breakfast here  
as our train for De Land,  
via J. T. & K. M. Ry. left Jax a  
little after 8 A.M. of Friday  
Jan. 2/91 & arrived at

De Land about noon of  
same day. I paid the Putnam  
House driver 50 cts to bring  
me up - our trunk  
not coming on the train



train: Mrs. B. chose to walk  
over from Depot. Towards  
evening she went over to  
Depot to see if trunks had  
come, found them there &  
got some colored boys to  
bring them over for which  
I paid them 50 cts. I now  
think I will never come  
via the Monon route again.  
The trip throughout was dis-  
appointing. Money paid out as  
follows — For tickets from  
Lionsville to De Land for  
self & Mrs. B. nearly \$49. I  
forget the exact cts though  
I think it was \$48.85. Thus  
getting tickets only one way  
I got no excursion rates. The  
tickets were sent me by Jas.  
Barber of the Monon Route.  
It cost me within 80 cts of  
as much as though there  
had been no advertising due



me 12us fare from Mt. Carroll  
to Depot 25. Hanscom in Chi.  
75 for Mrs B. & self. Sleeper  
from Chi to Louisville \$2.  
for each of us. Sleeper from  
Vashville to Jax. for each  
of us \$4.50 - on it from 10 at night  
of Wednesday to 9 at night of  
Thurs. 28 hours — steep !! —  
At Everett House \$1.50 each for  
lodgings (Jax.) & Bus fare  
each way for both \$1.00 ie  
50 cts each. At DeLand .50 for  
ride from Depot <sup>for self</sup> home & .50  
for both the trunks, ie .25 cts each.  
Mrs B. paid no bills except for  
her R.R. Ticket from <sup>Mt. C.</sup> Chicago.  
Our journey was safe, uneventful,  
& comfortable for which we  
have reason to be thankful, &  
yet I am decided I think  
that I will not try the Monon  
Route again — certainly not  
under same conditions —



cold. Frost last night. I see the  
orange trees in town have been  
much hurt by frost & on the  
Putnam grove, & Mr Adams's  
&c. on the lowest ground the  
fruit is badly hurt. The  
men at work at Boulevard  
grove getting that cleared.  
Only about 60 boxes. Much of it  
stolen. A school near an  
orange grove is not very  
profitable - it is not so to the  
grove! Wish I could sell that  
place. I had Charly up & with  
Mrs. Brownle, drove over to  
the Lake grove. Found it in  
good condition with a fair  
crop of fruit: nice, most of  
it. See I am wrong - I drove  
to the "10" on Saturday & on  
Sunday drove to Lake Grove  
found the "10" & the "60" both



looking fine. It is a marvel the  
power to recuperate that an  
orange tree has. The <sup>tree</sup> ~~ten~~ was  
so hurt last March that I had  
but little expectation that the  
tree would be alive now, to  
say nothing of any fruit. Now  
it probably has three car loads  
of oranges on it. Those on  
the low ground where most  
hurt are very large & coarse.  
I cannot understand it, why  
this grove should suffer thus.

Sunday - Jan. 4/91 We did  
~~not~~ go to church today. A  
cold, cheerless day; hard frost  
last night. In P.M. Mrs B. & I  
drove over to the lake grove  
as before mentioned. Have  
called at Mr. Richardson's  
every day to inquire after her,  
but have not thought best  
to go in for fear of worrying  
her. She is very miserable.



night - thermometer down to  
28° Thick ice on water & the  
leaves frozen. Oranges do not  
seem hurt. Not quite as cold  
as the Monday morning of last  
week so they tell me. I drove  
over to the Lake grove & took  
chain & lock along to fasten  
the grove gate. Took Mrs.  
Ten Eyck with me. Called  
at Mrs. Lindley's. Was in town  
in the forenoon & took Mrs. B.  
Very cold night - Men

finished the Boulevard grove  
Tuesday Jan. 6/91 Cold yet  
though not quite so severe  
as it has been. Wind getting  
westerly indicating a change  
in weather. Drove alone to the  
"O." Six men at work there  
the oranges are so very  
~~large~~ I fear they will  
not bring much. So it goes!



Wednesday, Jan 8/9  
Some warmer - no freeze last  
night. Drove over to Mrs Lind  
leys & agreed with her to go to  
work on my Lake grove &  
ship till I should say stop.  
She to pay me \$1.50 per box.  
She is to pick from the lowest  
ground where most likely to  
be injured by frost. I think  
it best to keep my fruit mor-  
ing. Two buyers here after  
my fruit on Saturday,  
the day after my arrival.  
Asked them \$2.50 f.o.b.  
They promised to call  
again, but have not. The  
freeze has frightened  
buyers off the market.

Thurs. Jan. 8/9 Warmer for  
which I am thankful. Wind  
in East quite strong. Appearance  
of rain. I drove to town & to



packing oranges. Got home  
about 2 1/2 P. M. Put Charlie in  
stable & fed him, got my  
dinner & soon after an orange  
buyer by name of Lottenger  
of Baltimore called on me.  
Saw another one in town  
today, who said he would  
call & see about buying my  
oranges. I must be up early  
in the morning & take Mrs B.  
to Lake Grove to work at  
oranges.

Friday, Jan. 9/9, Drove over  
to the lake with Mrs B. & found  
Mrs Lindly had done nothing  
to be ready to pack oranges, so  
came home. Men picking at "10"

Saturday, Jan 10/9, Raining day &  
staid home - busy all day.

Sunday, Jan 11/9, A very rainy  
day. Heavy showers, warm &  
nice between. I fear a blizzard is  
in preparation



Winnipeg, Jan. 12/91 Up early & out  
to the "10" to crowd the Pickups &c.  
Growing cold fast. Wind piercing.  
Bundled up with all the wraps I  
had but suffered with the cold.  
Had a lot of oranges at Boulevard gotten  
off to Depot — 50 boxes — Mr May's  
team hauled them down to Depot.  
Young Finny packed them & the  
darky Brown helped him. They  
ought to have gone long ago. Been  
off the trees many days. Boxes out  
in the weather & all wet. Had  
him put them up to dry &c. Came  
home about 3 P.M. very cold &  
tired. Put horse out & concluded  
to let things rest for all I could  
do more. Watched the Thermometer  
till 1 o'clock. As the wind went  
down with the sun it seemed  
warmer. At 1 A.M. the Ther.  
stood at  $44^{\circ}$ . No danger tonight.  
Tuesday Jan 13/91 At 5 A.M.  
Ther.  $42^{\circ}$  All right, but being



goes up very slowly. At the warm-  
est today it has not reached  $60^{\circ}$   
As the sun went down —, with but  
little wind, the Ther. went down  
too. Now at 6 P.M. it is but about  
 $40^{\circ}$  Fearful of a hard freeze  
tonight. Mr. J. had the men  
all picking oranges at "O" Has  
everything there full with oranges.  
Mr. Haynes of Orlando, of the  
Nugera Grape Co. spent the  
evening here talking over the  
grape industry. He is as  
sanguine as ever over  
grapes. When he left at 9, eve.  
the thermometer stood at  $34^{\circ}$   
at 11 Ther. stands  $34^{\circ}$  — Thank  
the Lord — it may be we are to  
be spared this great calamity —  
God grant it may be so —  
At 3 1/2 A.M. Ther  $30^{\circ}$  & continued  
so till 6 1/2 A.M. of  
Wednesday, Jan. 14/91 Everything  
white as with snow. Leaves on the



orange trees stiff but no fruit frozen  
Mr. Haynes came nearly 9 A.M. & we  
drove over to Taylor place to see the  
~~grove~~ vineyard & he to prune it. We  
found it nice - the growth uniform  
former & strong some - yes many  
shoots fifteen to 20 & even 30 ft -  
Mr. Haynes said he could prune  
the 2 acres in one hour, but as  
Mr. R. & Mrs. Lindly & I were  
learners he gave us instruction  
& was nearly 1 P.M. when through.  
I drove over for Mrs. L. & took  
her home. Took Mr. Haynes  
to P.O. got my mail & left him  
to go to Putnam House to dinner.  
My vineyard exceeds my ex-  
pectations. Twelve roots gone  
out of the two acres. He will  
replace them. Thermometer  
when I came home stood  
about 38°. Dearly reached 6°  
today. I fear for tonight



at same hour last evening it was  
34° & at 10 1/2 at 38° I do so hope  
it may not get down as it did  
last night.

Thursday Jan. 13/91

A clear beautiful  
morning, but cold. Ther 31°  
with heavy white frost. This  
frost as yesterday & this morning  
is a saving of our fruit. It  
forms a protective cover &  
melts away drawing out any  
frost there may be on the  
inside of the fruit. This is my  
theory about it. At any rate the  
fruit does not seem at all hurt  
& the leaves that were perfectly  
stiff with the frost white on  
them so as to look almost like  
a snow covering the trees, no  
seem unharmed. At 9 a.m.  
the Ther. has scarcely reach  
54° This looks as though we  
would have another cold



night. When <sup>will</sup> we have a  
weather. There has been none since  
I arrived here Jan. 2 & they had then  
just passed through a most  
damaging freeze of Dec. 29 -  
a black frost, that did more  
harm to fruit & trees than the  
repeated frosts since. We have  
had more nights of frost since I  
came than free of frost. If  
oranges & trees will bear all  
this it seems to me we may  
count on growing oranges  
in Ill. some day!! But  
putting aside, it is a marvel  
what the oranges will bear.  
In the P.M. Mr T. harnessed  
Charlie & I went to P. L. & Bank.  
& Grocery. Took Mrs T. with me  
Came home & took Mrs. B. down  
as I had more deposits to make.  
Came home & put Charlie out  
Mrs. May called. Yesterday Mrs.  
Dr. ~~H~~ <sup>H</sup> ~~Stene~~ & Mrs Haybarger



am. ... over today warm  
Ther. 70° & tonight 56°  
Looks like rain again.

Friday, Jan 16/91 - A rainy  
day - raining all day. Ther. 70°  
till afternoon when it fell to  
68° & at bedtime to 64°. I do so  
hope it will not turn cold after  
this rain. Spent the day at my  
desk writing. Sent a large  
mail down tonight & rec'd a  
large mail - ten letters. In  
one from home I learn of Mrs.  
Rinemalt's death. Died on Sat.  
Jan. 9/91 Went up to her room  
between 8 & 9 A.M. to do her room  
work & was found on the floor  
senseless, & died before noon.  
She was out to church on Thurs.  
Had not been quite so well as  
usual but not ill. How I will  
miss her. It is well with her,



& we should not mourn." It is not all  
of life to live, nor all of death to die.  
Mrs Rinevalt was a truly good pious  
woman, & we believe ready to go  
far better to go thus than to have  
lingered a long time helpless &  
dependent on others. It is sad to John  
not to have had a good bye from his  
mother. How I wish I could have  
seen her once more. If only I were  
as well prepared - as ready in every  
sense as I believe Mrs. Rinevalt to have  
been I could say most earnestly let  
me go in the same way, when my  
work is done. "Be ye also ready,"  
comes to me. God grant I may be.

Saturday, Jan 17 Cleared off early  
this morning, after raining all day  
yesterday & all night last night.  
Turns Cold, as usual after a rain.  
During forenoon Ther. crawled  
up to 65° In P.M. had my horse  
up & took Mrs. T. down town &



home & took Mrs. B. out. Was going  
to this grove but found the road  
so obstructed with timber where  
clearing that I turned across to  
Stetson's. He came out & greeted  
us cordially, had a long talk about  
the Boulevard place. They want  
it for the University Campus —  
Stetson says if I will donate it to  
the University, they will put up  
a fine building on it & name  
it the "Shinner building" &c.!  
I had before said to him that I  
wished I were able to donate it &c.  
but that I was not. Very cool  
coming home. Put my horse  
out. Thermometer standing at 54°  
at sundown. Seems stationary  
at near midnight. Ther. stood at 52° &  
cloudy.

Sunday Jan. 18/91. A cold  
day & my cold is so miserable  
I stand home. Mrs B. went to  
church. Mr Ten Eyck. Sister



with cold. I do a little with  
some of Doc's cough med. & he  
took ginger tea last night. He  
says he is better today, but he is  
pretty bad off. I do hope he is  
not to be sick. Thermometer  
barely reached 60° today. Now  
at midnight it is scarcely 44°.  
Hope we may escape a frost  
but fear it. Oh when will  
we have pleasant weather.  
God knows what is best, but  
it seems to us poor mortals  
hard if we must lose the fruit  
of our labor again —  
God grant we may be  
spared this affliction, for  
such it will be to all Fla.  
I try to keep my courage up  
but it is hard work —

Monday Jan 19/91 Thermometer  
stood at 5 1/2 all at 42° during  
day crawled up to 62° Tonight  
it stands 52° but it will so  
stand most of night. Went over



hour or so there trimming off trash  
from vines. Left Mrs B. at her door  
over to see Mrs Lindly. Found her  
at the planting of vineyard for her  
son in Law. Vines from  
Motts. Not nearly as good as  
we get from Haynes last  
spring. Drove home by town  
& got mail. Four letters from  
home. Ten Eyk went for hogs  
at Beresford. Richardson  
went down to go to count  
trees. I have a terrible  
cold.

Tuesday Jan 20/91 Cold & heavy  
white frost. Ther.  $30^{\circ}$  at my  
corner early in morning. Some  
ice formed. Gradually warmed  
till Ther. crawled up to  $70^{\circ}$ .  
In P. M. drove down for the  
mail. called at Richardson's  
He is doing nothing yet.  
She is better so she walked out  
on the porch. Weather: grey



took till at 0.1: K.K.L., then was down  
to 50° a fall of 20° from noon to 8 P.M.  
Wednesday morning Jan 21 - My  
cold was so bad I didn't write  
much. Mrs Codrington & Mary were  
here in evening. I retired early &  
doctored my cold. This morning  
the Ther stood above freezing  
& no frost last night. Cloudy  
morning as if rain was coming  
again. This has been the regular  
program ever since I  
came. Rain then cold for  
three days & nights the third  
night being a sharp freeze  
then gently let up for one day  
& night to 7.0° then rain &  
so repeat the Prog. The  
market is glutted prices  
down, every one scared,  
no one knows what he has &  
so it goes. One doesn't know  
what to do. I am waiting  
like Mr Canher, Jan



~~morning~~ to run up -  
what, or when or how it  
will be I can't tell, but of  
a certainty it seems no  
use to try to move anything  
now. Have been getting  
off some boxes of oranges to  
friends. I am bound my  
friends shall have a taste of  
oranges whether I sell any  
or not.

In P.M. I had my horse up & drove  
down to the "10" - saw Mr Bush &  
had a talk about the market &c.  
The oranges on the 10 are not  
falling scarcely any. Drove  
home by the 60. Saw Mr.  
Hudson at the Packing House.  
He wants to lay 16 1/2 ft along my  
line. Ther at 70° most of day  
Tonight at 9 P.M. it stands at  
68° A slight shower. This evening  
Presume it will be cold by  
morning.



Thursday, Jan. 24 A cloudy morning, having rained over hard in the night with wind which blew off some three boxes of oranges. I had a sick night with my cold. Took some "heroic treatment" & am better this morning but will stay in & take care of myself. I don't know when I have had a more severe cold. Guefs I will fight it off. Ted Eyck went over to the Vineyard to work. I to clear off the trimming & fertilize with 2 lbs. Marples bone to the root & cultivate. The Ther. has kept up to near 70° most of the day - cleared beautifully but a strong N.W. wind, though not so cold as some first days after a rain have been. I do so hope we will escape this time a freeze. At the



5 1/2 " " " " 62°  
10 " " " " 52°

Midnight " " 48  
Came down just 2° an hour  
since 4 P.M. Will get down  
to freezing at this rate by  
morning.

Friday Jan. 23/91 Bright &  
Beautiful. Ther 40° at 5 A.M.  
Frost on ground but not high  
up. During the day Ther. got up to  
14° At sundown it downed to 62°  
at 8 1/2 P.M. down to 52°

This forenoon I took Mrs. T.  
& drove to town for mail & then  
to the Vineyard where Ten Eyck was  
plowing the " & young Cox was put  
ting on Fertilizer. Used 6 1/2 bbls of  
Maple Bone on Vineyard, about  
2 lbs to a root. Cox is a good worker  
I took a hoe over & when he was  
done fertilizing he went to hoeing.



Ther at 10 evening stands  $58^{\circ}$  a fall of  
 $25^{\circ}$  since 2 P.M.

Ther.  $48^{\circ}$  at 11 P.M.

Saturday Morning, Jan. 24/91

To my surprise found it warmer &  
raining. During forenoon Ther. ran  
up to about  $70^{\circ}$ . About noon to  
1 P.M. the wind changed from South  
to West - N.W. & about 4 ther.  
began to fall & went down 4 degrees  
an hour or more - at 2 P.M. stood  
@  $62^{\circ}$ ; at 5 P.M. Ther  $57^{\circ}$  wind strong W.  
& cold.

Before noon today Mr. Little  
of Cedar Rapids, one of the  
Executors of the O.H. Hull estate,  
called & had a long talk -  
He starts North Free. Says Mrs  
Hull lives alone, north. Mrs  
O.D. Hull is north being doctor  
in N.Y. In P.M. Mr. Colby  
to whom I sold grape vines  
last spring, called his father  
with him. They are N.H. men



troughs, recently from Tuskul-  
la. The Senior Colly told of  
rape vines growing in P.H.  
right in the water & bear-  
ing abundantly &c.

Wrote Mr Stetson about selling  
in my grove at 60 Dec L.B.  
At 6 1/2 evening about time the moon  
bells, the wind went down &  
Ther. 56°

" 52° at 9 1/2 Evening

" 52 " 10 "

Sunday Jan. 25/91, A cold day  
At 6 1/2 a.m. Ther. 40°

" 9 1/2 " " " 50°

" Noon " 55° & bright  
sunshine with very little wind -

N. - S.W. The air is cold & forebodes  
evil to our trees & fruit - God grant  
some change may come to save  
from the seeming pending disaster  
Rev Dr R. Hicks of St. Louis, Editor  
of Word & Works writes me Jan 24/91  
We still adhere to our position



that the winter will continue to be harder  
 northward without ~~increased~~ danger  
 far in the South." How he reconciles  
 the matter I can't see, but I do hope  
 he is correct & that we may escape  
 damaging freezes here for the  
 balance of the season. It is sure  
 Fla. has had no such continued  
 cold & repeated frosts in the 8 yrs.  
 I have known it, as in this winter.  
 I have been mercifully spared serious  
 losses so far but I am in constant  
 fear. My neighbors have lost bearing  
 in their fruit where the trees are on  
 low ground - I am so sorry  
 for them. My cold is yet very  
 bad. Night before last I was  
 really afraid I was to have pneu-  
 monia. Yesterday I kept my bed  
 part of day & today am better, but  
 my lungs are so full of phlegm.

Ther. at 1 P.M. 58+

" " 2 " 60-

" " 3 " 60-

" " 3- " 53

" " 10 " = 43

fast, foggy - fear a freeze - going down



Monday Jan. 26/11 clear & cold  
Ther. at 2 A.M.  $36^{\circ}$  At 5 A.M.  $34^{\circ}$   
7 8 A.M.  $44^{\circ}$  Was from home all  
" 9 " "  $54^{\circ}$  P.M. whence do not  
" 10 " "  $56^{\circ}$  know how high the  
" 11 " "  $59^{\circ}$  Ther went, but  
" 11 1/2 " "  $60^{\circ}$  presume it was up  
" 12 1/2 P.M.  $65^{\circ}$  to 70 during some  
" 6 P.M.  $60^{\circ}$  time in P.M.  
" 9 " "  $46^{\circ}$  It is wonderful what falls  
temperature here are  $14^{\circ}$  in 3 hours —  
Went to Grove #10 to see how the  
men were getting on with the  
hacking. Found 50 boxes on  
platform to go shipped 40 Sat. night  
Reports unfavorable to shipping

Tuesday Jan 27/11 A clear cool  
morning — heavy white frost  
Ther at  $40^{\circ}$  at 6 A.M. & at  
9 A.M.  $56^{\circ}$  a little gain on yesterday  
5 1/2 P.M.  $56^{\circ}$  I took Mrs B. to vineyard  
10 " "  $54^{\circ}$  to tree of grapes. I drove  
over to Mrs Lindleys & then had our lunch  
& then I drove over to Henry Austins. Came  
home at 4 P.M. Took Mrs. T. & got the mail.



11 Thursday Nov. 10 - so new as cloudy  
but warm. Fla. like weather. I  
first drove to town & got some  
staples for grape wires & the mail &  
then to Richardson's & got  $1\frac{1}{2}$  roll (150 lbs)  
of wire for vineyard & took it over.  
B.R. & Ten E. were both there  
to begin work. This is first day  
work B.R. has taken in hand,  
as he says, for two months. He  
is better but not very well. We  
found this  $1\frac{1}{2}$  roll would not  
be enough & so I drove over  
to Mrs Lindley's for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  roll  
she had left. She sent Will  
Lindley over to vineyard with  
it. Then then loked two short  
rows of enough. This is for the  
upper row of wire. We have  
to set heavier posts at the ends  
of rows - Will, at Ten Eycks  
suggestion, use old rails  
for middles along rows where  
we will take out some of



the heavy frosts for ends —  
Temperature warm, about  
70° at bedtime. Letter from  
brother of N. Y. for oranges.  
Thursday morning — Jan. 29/  
Had Jan Ryck & B.R. at this  
room getting of sample lot  
to ship to brother to get his bid  
on them.

Thermometer about 80° at noon —  
the warmest day of this winter here  
that I have seen —

Friday Jan. 30/91 Yesterday I took  
Mrs. Richardson out for a ride.  
She is getting quite well. Also  
took her Mother out for a little  
while, & over here to let her see a  
grove. In P.M. I took Mrs. Ten  
& drove to Dunn's mills to order  
50 picking crates. Carlo followed  
us & when we got there the poor  
dog was on three feet, a sand  
bar in one & so done over with  
the heat he could scarcely



move. When ready to come down,  
said to Carlo, do you want to ride?  
The poor fellow jumped his fore  
feet into the buggy so eagerly,  
but that was all he could do,  
as he was too heavy & too done over  
to get into the Phaeton. Mrs. J. &  
the foreman of the Mill took hold  
& lifted his hind parts in, & a  
happier dog never had a  
ride than Carlo. He was so  
delighted, & after we got home  
he acted as though he wanted  
to thank me, coming to my room  
every little while. He wants to  
make up for biting my foot  
some three weeks ago. He had  
taken Tony's fish head that I  
had placed in my kitchen &  
as I saw him I put my foot  
out to push it away from him  
when he seized my foot &  
bit it quite sharply, as I had only  
my woollen knit shoe on his teeth



vent to the flesh & made quite a  
cut. I at once removed my  
boots & stockings & washed the  
place thoroughly with strong  
Permanganate of Potassa solu-  
tion. The scab has not come off  
yet. Guess no harm will come  
of it. Poor dog was it to blame  
He wanted the fish & he didn't  
know what that black thing  
was coming between his mouth  
& the fish head, so he naturally  
grabbed it. We had a slow  
ride home as Carl must  
weight 75 to 100 lbs & it made  
a load. After we got home  
I took Mr. Browlee out for  
a little drive but not far as  
Charlie seemed very tired.  
Friday, Jan. 30/91 I repeat  
In morning I drove over  
to Dennis mill again to see  
about the crate stuff. They prom-  
ised to have it here right after  
dinner of Saturday tomorrow



I then drove up to see ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> found her quite out of sorts with a severe cold, taken on her trip to Pensacola. Had a little visit & came home for some medicine for her cold & sore throat. Drove over in P. M. & took it to her. Had something of a restful day. Jan Eyck & B.R. at picking oranges from this grove to send to Robert Froser & Co. of #38 South Water St. Phil. Pa. Got off 25 boxes to show the fruit to get their bid on the fruit of the grove.

Saturday, Jan 31/91 Spent the morning in writing & about noon went for mail & then down to #10 where Jan Eyck & B.R. were at work on the oranges stored in Pack House. It is discouraging to see such beautiful fruit as in the 10 go to ruin. That on the low ground where the trees were hurt so last March, and



had picked right after the fruit  
started in the packing house.  
It would have been better to  
have done the same with the  
the high ground as it was  
beautiful fruit. It is not  
becoming shabby, pretty &c.  
If I live & have oranges  
another year I am quite  
confident the fruit from  
#10 will come off early begin  
in Oct. I think now I will  
have it cut off as soon as it shows  
signs of yellowing & put in pack  
ing house, or make a curing house  
same as for lemons, & let them color  
up & then ship onto an early  
market. It has been a heavy  
loss to me that Richardson  
has not been able to attend to  
business. He has done prac  
tically nothing since Oct.  
with his wife sick & him  
self sick, he has not done  
enough to pay his house rent.



Fruit cannot be less than \$3000.  
almost entirely owing to his inattention  
to my business.

Sunday, Feb. 1/91 The warmest  
day since I have been here. It now  
seems like Fla. & as though I might  
get rid of my cold. I felt so miserably  
I kept my bed till nearly noon.  
Spent balance of day in reading &  
writing home. Mrs B. went to  
church both morning & evening.

Monday Feb. 2 Men at work  
at Grove #10 getting oranges off  
I was on a drive all day  
looking after things. The more  
I examine my orange trees the  
more I am convinced my  
fruit will be a failure.

It does seem too bad. The  
Summary of my crop is as  
follows, as best I can estimate  
it. The home grove here, is at  
least 1200 boxes. The Boulevard



of oranges were between two & three  
hundred boxes. The #10 grow  
about 1500 boxes — The  
"60" must be at least 2400,  
boxes. At the Lake grove  
probably 1000 boxes — All  
told Six thousand, one hundred  
boxes. The lowest price should  
have been \$1.50 on the tree  
Nine thousand dollars &  
over. Why is it I am thus  
disappointed in all my  
expectations. That it is all  
for the best some way  
there is no doubt, but it is  
so hard to see it thus.

This is the second time my  
crop of oranges has so disap-  
pointed me by freezes. Why  
is it I need this severe discipline  
God only knows — it must be  
right for some end —

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurs  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> have

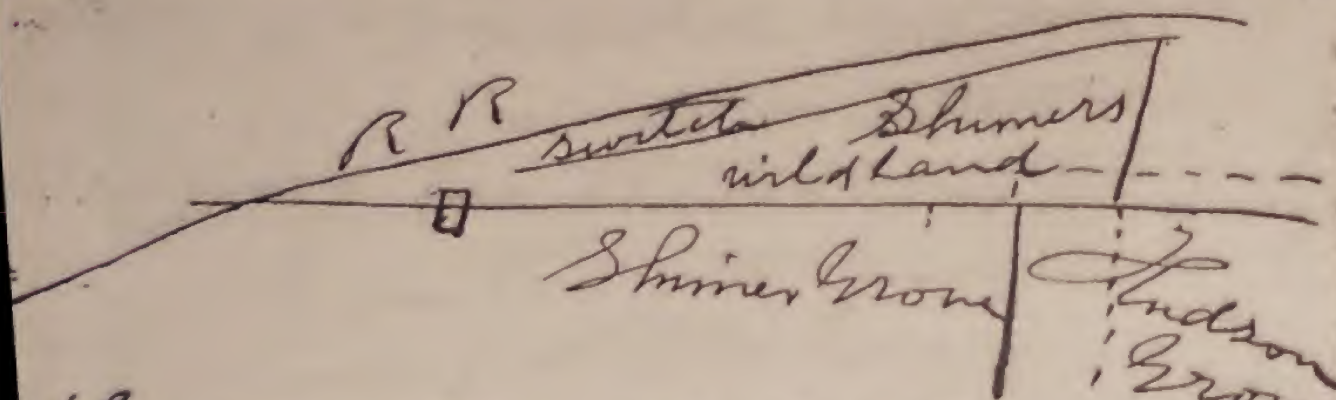


been too busy days to worry much.  
I had the men start in to pick at  
the 60 today & I went down  
to look it over & found it even  
worse than I feared. Not  
worth picking, in much of it  
I am sick at heart & no one  
to tell it to who can sympathize  
with me, & so I keep it all to  
myself. Oh for my Joy & Pity  
to talk to. But it is nothing I  
could help. If only I had been  
here early in the season, but  
regrets can't help it now. Life  
is too short to spend it in  
regrets & worrying.

Feb. 6/91 Friday. Spent the  
forenoon at my desk. About  
noon I set out for a drive  
to the "60 & 10" Looked the groves  
over again. Find oranges everywhere  
more or less hurt. Drove  
down to Mr Hudson's packing house



to see some who the sort  
 of land he wants of mine.  
 He was very impertinent when  
 he saw I was not inclined to give  
 it to him & said he "asked no  
 favors of any one". It is a  
 presuming thing for him to  
 ask of me a strip of land then  
 that will make a notch in  
 mine, as though it were  
 not as objectionable to me  
 to have a notch as for him  
 to have one. The line is thus



He wants me to let him have  
 a notch as shown by dotted line  
 one rod wide & 6 rods long.  
 Mr May & brother were over  
 to look over my grove  
 with view to selling the



print on it to Anderson. Said  
he had been carefully over it &  
estimated the crop at 2500 to 2700  
boxes. Drove down to Mr Brushes.  
found him hopeful as ever. I  
fear he will be greatly disappointed  
in his crop of oranges.

Saturday Feb. 7. Men picking at  
the "60" I drove over to Mrs Lind  
keys & the Lake grow. Found  
Mrs. L. at the oranges she had  
picked weeks ago & stored at  
the winter house. Orange  
market looking up. Mr Bielly  
sends word to Mrs L. that now  
is the time to sell Navel.

Sunday Feb 8/91 Too worn  
out to go to church. Rested.  
Nice warm weather. Have  
taken more cold though in  
spite of me. Mr Richardson  
came over in P.M. & talked  
strongly in favor of my selling  
fruit at "60" on Anderson's offer  
of \$1500. Says there are not nearly



is many oranges there as Mr.  
May estimates &c &c. Told  
him I was glad to have him  
tell out what he thought, so  
in Monday morning Feb. 9/91  
sent word to Mr. May that  
Anderson could have the  
fruit. Soon after Mr May  
came saying Anderson  
would send me check  
today. The day passed & no  
check came & I didn't know  
what to make of it so I drove  
round to see Mr May who  
said it would be all right.  
So I had my men move from  
Go up here to home place to  
work on this grove. Made a  
beginning at this here.

Tuesday morning Feb 10 All  
hands here at this grove. Only  
got off 68 boxes today, with 10 ready  
to go to depot & 10 went last night.  
Not great speed & fruit not nice  
Quite discouraging —



took Mrs K. & 1 row, took our por-  
little ride to town. Got a blind to  
have set in north side of barn  
for window to packing room.  
We do need a packing house independ-  
ent of barn. Think I will have one  
put in for a coloring house  
& packing house together. Had  
letter today from Mr. A. J. Perkins  
of Daytonia about his packing  
or rather Lemon curing house  
Its construction he gives as  
follows: "1<sup>st</sup> - foundations of 2x6  
laid flat wise on which is a  
floor tight enough to hold  
saw dust." "2<sup>d</sup> Now put 2x6  
beantling edgewise & fill with  
saw dust to top of beantling."  
"3<sup>d</sup> lay on floor of matched  
boards" "4<sup>th</sup> use 2x6 stuff 7ft  
long for posts" "5<sup>th</sup> cover with  
novelty siding - "6<sup>th</sup> Ceil side  
ends & top with matched boards  
filling with saw dust between  
Siding & Ceiling & cover over  
head with saw dust. Roof as



or any building. Door is  
in middle double & same  
thickness (6 in.) as the walls,  
like a safe vault door. For  
ventilating I have a 2 inch hole  
near the floor, in center of oppo-  
site door, & a small box flue  
1 1/2 inches square in center over head.  
I use a single Kerosene burner  
stove for heating & keep water  
constantly on top of stove. Be very  
cautious your stove does not emit  
or fruit will be blackened & will  
have colored lemons in 6 days,  
with temperature at 90°. I have  
never treated but one batch of  
oranges & that was very satis-  
factory. Picked them perfectly  
green & treated same as lemons.  
They were a nice color in 6 days &  
about equal to foreign fruit in taste  
sweetness or as sweet as early  
packed fruit ripened on trees.  
The only drawback is the risk of



camp smoking, but with  
careful attention will prevent  
this, frequent turning &c. My  
success in coloring has been all  
"I could anticipate & helped  
to reach an early market".  
I must build one at this  
grove. Size of W.P.'s  
house he gives as 12 x 16.  
ft. posts 7 ft high

Lennon Curing  
House from A. J.  
Perkins of Daytonia  
Recd Feb 10/91 Same  
also a year or more ago

Wednesday Feb 11/91  
Busy here at home grove. Got



ff 85 boxes. I drove down to  
D#10 & got the covers (rubber)  
spread over boxes. Sam - Mr  
Danish. He is hopeful as ever  
in P. M. drove over to Mrs. Lind  
it didn't find her. Mr May  
called & paid me \$1500. of  
what was coming from Ander  
son. About 100 yet due me  
- boxes & such.

Thursday Feb. 12. Went to  
Bank in forenoon & got a  
N.Y. Draft for \$1200 of the \$1500.  
from Anderson for Oranges.  
sent to Joy to pay debts in the eve.

The time from Feb 12/90 to  
Feb. 22 Sunday - has been too  
full of work to admit of time  
to give to this Memorandum  
Have had from ten to twenty  
persons at work on the home  
grove getting the oranges off.  
Finished this grove yesterday  
noon. The product from this



Our some grove of 1000 trees is  
fully 1000 boxes had none been  
lost there would have been  
fully 1200 boxes. All, or nearly all,  
have gone through the Fruit  
Exchange & have no returns yet  
& will not know for a month  
or two the result from the crop.  
The fruit is so much hurt from the  
freeze that I cannot expect  
very much from it. If it sells  
me \$1. per box or \$1000 for this  
crop, though it ought to be \$1500  
to \$2000. Have had many  
annoying things with the  
workmen this week, which  
I trust may not be repeated.  
Tomorrow we go to the Lake grove  
to work.

Monday Feb 23 Moved to  
Lake grove. Raining & only  
got ready for work.

Tuesday Feb 24 Got fairly  
to work at Lake grove.



land, a smaller force than  
this grove & mill of  
course take longer, for  
the same quantity of fruit.  
The probable crop at Lake  
may be 600 boxes.

Wednesday - Feb. 25

Work at Lake grove. Much  
work for me running after  
material & keeping things  
going. Discharged J.  
Strickland today. Don't like  
him one bit. A mischief-  
making scamp.

Thursday, Feb. 26 Rained yester-  
day morning, began in night,  
cleared about noon & I went to  
Lake grove. The wind came  
up & before night it blew  
a gale - the worst wind  
storm I was ever out in.  
Very cold at evening. Then  
stood here at 40° at 5 in  
morning. I was much worried



women Mrs. C's young plants. After  
midnight I went out & thought  
I would bring them in, but it was  
so windy I dared not expose my  
self as I must to do it, so I covered  
what I could & left them out.

Friday - Feb 27 - A very cold  
windy night. Thermometer  
stood at 5 A.M. at  $40^{\circ}$  & did not  
move above it till late in A.M.  
About 9 or  $9\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. it got up to  $42^{\circ}$  &  
slowly crept up to  $52^{\circ}$  at about 1 P.M.  
The highest the Ther. reached  
during the day was  $54^{\circ}$  & that  
was about 3 P.M. when the wind  
slowly veered to the N.E. & held  
there. As I write at 10 evening  
the Ther. stands  $42^{\circ}$ . This  
means a frost & I fear a  
destructive one. This is a  
fall of  $2^{\circ}$  per hour. If it so  
continues till morning - say  
6 o'clock, the Ther. will be  
down to  $26^{\circ}$  & this will be  
ruinous to fruit buds &  
young growth. I do so hope one



but I see nothing but Providen-  
tial interposition to prevent it.  
This morning I slept late having  
been up till after midnight last  
night & 3 o'clock night before,  
A Mr Morgan called to sell  
me Fertilizer. Is in with  
Painter. He stand till about  
11 A.M. As soon as I could I  
harnessed & started for the  
grove. Got there about 1 P.M.  
Took Ther. with me, & it stood  
at 52° till 3 P.M. when it  
crawled up to 54°. I had 8  
pickers at the oranges. We  
put them on sacks & covered  
them with sacks & hay &c.  
in the grove. I don't know  
that it will be cold enough  
to hurt the oranges but I felt  
it would be safer to have  
what we could, gotten off.  
A Mr. W. Stone called to  
see me Mon. morning



... and you were a good place  
here. I talked with him - found  
him an intelligent, reading &  
thinking man. Am inclined to  
employ him. Will see about it.

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  at night Ther. stands 44° a  
rise of 2 degrees in  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour.  
There is hope —

Saturday Feb. 28 Ther. standing  
at 50° when I got up. The  
danger is past. I am so glad  
Took Mrs. Brownlee over to  
the Lake Grove to size oranges.  
I worked with her at the sizer  
all day, & was so tired at night.  
I scarcely knew my own name!

Sunday Mar. 1 A nice spring day.  
but I am so tired I cannot go out.  
Rested most even writing home  
more than short letter to let &  
Joy.

Monday Mar. 2 1910 Off early  
& off to the grove. Took Mrs B.  
But that all was moving right.



over to Edward's & got him to  
come for a load of oranges.  
He will haul whenever we  
want him. I am glad to be free  
of Mr May. He has seemed so  
disobliging that I will give  
him a wide berth. Tom Eych  
as he came for a load said  
Mr. May wanted to know  
if I would let him have  
a part of the car of Tobacco &  
that he was ready to haul it for  
one Mr. Morgan & Painter  
have been after one morning  
& night to get the car of To-  
bacco I have at Depot it is in  
hogheads 12 tons net, of Tob.  
scraps. This is the first of six  
or seven cars I am to have  
from W. S. Mathews & Sons  
Louisville, Ky. It is not  
stems but leaf scraps for fer-  
tilizer. Mr Gregory says it  
is fully  $\frac{1}{3}$  stronger than the



men. I ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~to~~ ~~change~~  
with me & I finally consented.  
I will take of him 10 tons of Kuma  
at 34.75 per ton & pay him  
in Tobacco scraps at cost to  
me here on the track. I pay  
\$8 per ton, of freight on gross  
weight is \$6.<sup>55</sup> per ton  
from Lainsville to De Land  
Fla. I took a bundle of 11x14  
orange wrap to Stetsons to pay  
for one borrowed. They com-  
plain of the fruit at Stetsons  
being coarse & pretty from  
the corner of his grove.  
Went to the 60" & found Anderson  
at Packy House. He is disap-  
pointed in quantity of fruit  
from my grove. Said he had not  
one thousand boxes off yet. He  
had all hands picking on  
Friday last believing we  
were going to have a freeze.  
Has most of the oranges off.  
Claims he has a car load ready.



at can't get a car, he is a  
~~trader~~ man, I drove on  
my 10 & looked it over. The  
loom is good. Drove in to see  
Mr. Brush. He is not well. Very  
lame. Wants to sell his grove  
very badly. Asks \$20,000 for some  
100 old trees & 200 younger  
ones in bearing with 107 acres  
of land. Says however, "I am  
ready to accept any respectable  
offer." I asked him what he  
would call a respectable  
offer. Will said he I don't  
mean by that to take ten  
dollars for twenty or \$15 for \$20.  
My opinion is however, that  
a cash offer of \$10,000, will  
buy it. Wish I could sell some of  
mine & buy it. Bargained with Mr.  
Brush for two large pine trees  
in his yard that are deadened.  
Wants \$1.50 each for the two or \$2  
for the largest one. I want them  
for posts for addition to my



I will get Butter O'Speland to go  
down & work them up. Came  
home from Brush via Whiting  
& called at the Packing house. Lee  
Morris is manager there. Mr  
Woodard & Englishman has the  
care of the grove. One Mr. Beard  
a northern buyer bought the  
fruit. They have their boxes  
stenciled "Indian River Oranges".  
I asked them for a sample of  
I. R. orange, so Lee gave me one.  
Very pretty orange but no better  
than many of mine. Fraud!  
They shipped a car this morning  
in bulk of inferior fruit, not  
worth packing. Lee M. said  
they had shipped one before &  
netted \$1.30 per box on the tree.  
Beard sends them to his  
yard in Cincinnati & he  
works them off by putting them  
in bbls. there & selling them  
to a low class of trade. I  
came home via the boat



on one run. Ave, 201 now  
about 3 P. M. Took my dinner  
ed Charlie & then to town  
to mail &c. Arranged with  
Bigelow to let me have box  
nails at K&g rates in small  
lots. Took out 10 lbs. got some  
Bananas, Sweet potatoes & Sugar  
at Haynes & paid for them  
all. Jan Eych took out 3 bundles  
of 10x10 & one of 11x11 paper from  
Clevelands. I took one of 11x11 to  
K&g stores and the one I borrowed  
Cleveland to send up the 2 of 10x10  
to the house. After I got over  
to the Winter place I sized  
oranges balance of day. On  
the way home Mr May hailed  
us to talk to Mr May about plant-  
ing Sweet potatoes. Then he  
wanted some tobacco. I told  
him I wanted Anderson to  
pay for my boxes &c. I have  
no patience with him.  
He is selfishness personified!



Tuesday Mar. 3/11. 1008 W.S. 10, 10  
Winter house to work at oranges.  
Sized till I was so tired & in such  
pain I had to stop. We get off an  
average of about 50 boxes a day.  
Our force consists of two colored  
men - Butler Copeland who  
picks, Jos. Boyd who picks some  
& makes boxes some's Richards  
who nails up boxes, Stencils &  
helps size - Henry Finney  
who wraps & packs from  
45 to 60 per day. Mrs Broun  
who sizes & I help her some.  
This is the only force we run  
& I find it much more satisfac-  
tory than to employ so many.  
I live to have another crop  
of oranges to ship I will begin  
as soon as the oranges begin  
to yellow. Will have a lemon  
house as described by Perkins  
of Daytona, & have the first  
oranges begin to turn yellow,



icked & put in lemon house. All  
as yellowed nicely which  
would be in about 5 days or 4,  
all ship them.

Wednesday Mar 4 - Took Mrs  
to packing house, but I had  
give up trying to work the  
izer, so went of errands of  
in sort & another, too nu-  
merous to write out, but  
enough to keep very  
busy & get very tired.

Thurs. Mar. 5 Took Mrs. Br  
to packing house & then went  
over to Mr Jelfords to see them  
about Mr Stone & Chs. Watson  
Also to the Hiscroate house to  
see Mrs Lindley, then home  
to feed Charlie & then drove  
down to see Chs. Watson, (Col)  
about work, & then down to  
Mr. Stones. Found Chs. but did  
not find Mr Stone. Left word with  
his wife to come & see me which  
he did at evening. Had a long talk



above you - - - - -  
To go tomorrow & take his wife  
to see the "Taylor Place" House.  
Very busy all day & very tired at night.  
Wrote till after one o'clock making  
up order for garden seeds &  
going home & - - - - -

Friday, March 6 Took Mrs.  
B. to Pack's House. Drove over  
to ~~Miner's~~ Taylor House &  
opened it up & then went for Mrs.  
Jelford to come over & see it.  
She seemed much pleased  
with it - thought it better than  
she supposed. Thought the  
stones must like it there & I  
am glad I had seen where  
the stones live. It certainly is  
one of the most God forsaken  
places I ever saw. Took  
Mrs Jelford home & started  
to go back by the Pack's house  
but met a lady & gentleman  
on foot & she seemed so tired  
I turned around & took her in



any room where there was a  
vacancy left for a house.  
Thus the three acres on Minn  
Ave. has 196 trees. Then there  
are some 2 acres back of this  
on Amelia Ave. on which  
there are a hundred or so  
budded trees apparently six or  
seven years old. Quite un-  
even &c. Then there are 14  
acres in unimproved land  
though some of it is cleared  
Some is in pine timber. On the  
whole it seems a desirable prop-  
erty. I write to Jay & Pat about it.  
Maybe they will buy it. One thousand  
down will buy it. I told Mrs Bra-  
lee about it & she wants it very much. It  
is such a pity she has committed  
herself to De Land to pay \$3000. for  
60 trees when she might have  
had this for \$5000. Knowing she  
was committed for this to De  
Land I did not for a moment think  
of her taking this & had no idea



... knowing much a spirit avows  
it. On consideration I concluded  
to withhold my letter to Joy & Pat &  
give Mrs Brownlee the chance,  
& so asked her what she could  
do in the matter. She said she  
would have about \$300. left,  
after paying \$2500. to De Land,  
& she could pay \$100. on the  
Fiddis property & take it on a  
sort of lease, paying in from  
it as fast as she got the money  
or. Of course I knew no such  
offer would be considered but  
I went to Sargent with it &  
felt like a fool to do it. Of  
course he rejected it with  
a sneer of contempt at her  
presumption. Meanwhile I  
was out in a drenching rain  
& failed to get over to the  
Taylor place. Ten Eyck re-  
ported two of Lakes Carpen-  
ters at work & Mr Stone &  
Mr Wendt. Got the house



Tuesday, March 17. Very wet  
& rain threatened all day. Late  
when I got over to Taylor place  
Found Mr ~~Shower~~ & Fred Stone  
lathing. Two of Mr Clakes men  
at work on inside work. Mr  
Blake had been over but  
gone & would not be back till  
middle afternoon. Started  
Ten Eyck & Stone to saw the  
blocks to put under the house  
to have ready when Blake  
should get there. But Fred  
right at lathing, as he was  
doing it with too wide spaces.  
Looked round generally &  
then drove home & wrote  
another letter to Jay & Pet &  
went down & mailed it. Came  
home & fed Charlie & set  
out again for the Lake  
grove. Found Blake & one  
of his men & Ten Eyck &  
Stone at the Lake house



harsing it & turning new corners  
under. Getting on well with  
it. Went over to Taylor house &  
found one of Clarks men at  
the windows & Fred S. at the  
bathing, making fearfully  
slow work. Drove over to Mrs.  
Lindley whom I found just in  
from planting grapes. Mrs.  
Austin calling. I went to get  
her little girl to take music  
lessons of Miss Lindly. It began  
to sprinkle & I made for home.  
Mrs. Austin driving along to see  
the improvements on house  
& got home tired enough  
& found Mrs. T. at barn waiting  
for me. Helped unharness as  
usual. In Land after Mrs.  
B. for the check for \$2500.  
on his promise of a Deed. Tell  
her I would not pay him a cent  
till he produced the Deed  
& Abstract &c. However  
I have written the check



for \$500 for her tonight  
she must follow her own  
imagination.

Wednesday March 18/91

About 8 A.M. Powell, the  
tool of De Lands, came for  
Mrs. Brownlee. He first said  
he had come to submit to  
me the papers he had made  
out for Mrs. Brownlee. I told  
him I had no wish to see them  
as I had no interest whatever  
in the matter. I further told him  
they had no right or business to  
ask of her the money before  
an abstract was made satisfac-  
tory & deed given. He minced no  
gratuitous remarks & asked  
to see Mrs. B. I at once called  
her. She came & made the same  
request that I would examine  
the papers. I declined again.  
He then went on to say how



They had read the papers & expressed an-  
gers & they concurred in pronouncing  
them complete &c. I said you  
certainly have no reason to ask  
my examination of them if you  
are making an honest, clear  
thing of this deal & Mrs Brownlee  
judgement is satisfied you  
will certainly excuse me from  
troubling myself with the  
matter. (What an absurdity!)  
Then Mrs B. put in again to say  
that Mr De Land was all the time  
doing so much business he  
must be well posted &c. & asked  
if I didn't think him reliable.  
Of course I could not say yes,  
so I said nothing. She re-  
peated her inquiry, & I said  
Mrs Brownlee you know what  
I think, why do you press me  
for an answer here. Well she  
was decided & what was the  
use in my saying more when  
I had said, all to her I could



is a very <sup>very</sup> common <sup>very</sup> much a  
foolish thing, while she could  
honorably retract. To end the scene  
I handed her the check of \$2500.  
on the Carroll Co. Bank. &  
she gave it over to Powell & took  
her papers. I am so sorry for her  
but she does it with her eyes open  
& must take the consequences.  
Working at the Taylor place & at  
the old Lake house to have it fixed  
up for Charles Watson to live  
in & then use for Black house.  
I don't hear from Chas. W. yet as  
to whether he will come or not.

Thurs. Mar. 19 A busy day, looking  
after fathers & well diggers &  
plasterers &c &c. Took Mrs Ten  
Eyck over to see the work we were  
doing. Ten Eyck & Stone were  
burning off the pond & a very  
Mr Stone bathing some also.

March 20 Friday. A very beau-  
tiful day. Ten Eyck & Stone bathing  
The red head carpenter at work on



managers at cigar house. I used Mr  
Hayerberger for lathing. Went for  
Mr. Swift, &c but every body  
busy in the groves. Called at Mrs  
Lindley's & then home via Mrs. Telford's  
& bro't her into town. She stays  
at Mrs. Northrop's till Monday.

Bro't home from Depot a box of  
Rose roots - 56 sorts rec'd from  
Peter Henderson. They came on  
Thurs. when Mrs Ten Eyck came  
home from Lake Winemissette  
where we went Thurs P.M. to  
call on the Vandagriffs to  
see their roses & Lilies. They have  
several very large bushes but no  
such as mine have. They  
will come over this week to  
see our roses. We have now  
with the 56 new ones rec'd  
97 different sorts of roses.

Saturday - Mar 21 Mr J. put  
Charlie in the harness before he  
went to work. It was foggy but  
didn't think it would rain, but  
at 8 A.M. it set in for a wet



Spent the day writing. Wrote to  
Pop & Libbie Hostetter; Home &c.  
Will digger Mr Whitcomb came  
to see about making us a well  
at Taylor place. Will have him  
put down an iron pipe ( $1\frac{1}{4}$  in)  
inside the galvanized one to  
a living stream of water. He will  
goat it on Tues. Works at \$4. per  
day & I furnish a <sup>to work</sup> man, with him  
Whitcomb uses a stone tubing in  
his surface water mills.

About 4 P.M. the rain ceased &  
sun shone out & I harnessed  
Charlie. Had to go to town for oil  
& I agreed to give Dargent answer  
about the purchase of Fiddis  
property. Ought to hear from home  
ere this. If I don't hear I will go  
& tell Dargent I will take this  
property myself. I told him that  
in effect Friday morning. I can  
sell it ready at an advance &  
thus have the acre or two next



4 1/2 P. M. I started with Charlie for town. Met a messenger with telegram from home saying "Feeling much inclined we wrote for further information - Fiddis property" Henry Shuman. Well I guess they will take it. Any way I shall secure it. Didn't see Sargent in town, so came home with my oil, & wrote a Note to Sargent & Bristol saying they may consider the property as sold.

Dunday, Mar, 22/91 I pleasant except a windy morning, but not cold & yet need a fire. This is Mr E. E. Davidson's last day at De Land. The people raised for him \$700. & paid his wife's expenses from & to Boston & their expenses while in De Land. The whole amounting to nearly \$1000. Very well for



... pausing. ...  
meetings were held in Bap  
Church at 4 o'clock & in the  
Pres. Church evenings. The  
crowds have been immense.  
40 forward for prayers his  
last night. Davidson is a  
Methodist. Now will come  
the scramble for the new  
converts, & the bickering &  
quarreling that will grow out of  
it will be bitter in propor  
tion to the zeal of the past.  
Had large mail tonight  
Wrote long letter home.

Monday March 23/81  
A lovely day after the heavy  
rain of Sat. Out early. Put  
up Sale & Rent notice  
at Boulenger's. Took Mr B.  
down town. Saw Sargent &  
Bristol & paid \$25. to bind  
the bargain on purchase of the  
Fiddis property. Much action



- I'm in a more modest, simple  
like 1884 Several purchases  
after the Fiddis place. All got  
fooled. Took Mrs Telford up to  
house to see the roses &  
around calling. In P.M. I  
went to Taylor place. Found  
Mr Omeal laying the piers to  
barn. Has his own nigger  
tender. This is his first day. In  
forenoon he took load of brick  
over & started the mortar.  
Mr. Clake came to see after  
things. Mr. Stone lathing.  
Red headed carpenter at the  
barn work. Got letter from  
Doc & Joy. Doc wants the  
Fiddis place. When I came  
home at evening found Mrs  
H. calling on Mrs T. took  
her home & then took  
Mrs T. to town & got mail  
Tuesday, Mar. 24 Work on house  
& barn moves slowly. I am  
kept busy —



Ten Eyck with me to Taylor  
place & then to Mr Waltz  
then across to Mr Frank. we  
all to see the flowers. Got  
home about noon. In P.M.  
saw Mr Clough about the  
"shell phosphate" at De Leon  
They deliver it here @ \$20 per  
car load of 12 tons. I have a  
mind to have a car or two  
on my home place. Mr B.  
told me how he talked to Mrs  
B. about buying that grove  
of De Land. Said he advised &  
intreated & made her promise  
not to buy till she let him know.  
Several callers about renting the  
Boulevard.

Thurs. Mar. 26 Took Mrs B.  
over to Taylor place to tie  
up grapes. The first met  
started by ~~one~~ Whitcomb they  
left their drill in at 80 ft



down & couldn't get it out.  
this morning started a new well  
where he located by his switch.

Friday Mar. 27 Got the well  
down 62 ft & no water. The forma-  
tion all different from other  
place & from any he was ever  
in. Plastering finished today.

Had Mary Stone to help Mrs B.  
tie grape vines. Took Charlotte  
Bradley over to pull weeds &  
mulch vines in P.M.

Saturday, Mar 28 - It is work  
work, hurry hurry early & late.  
I cannot endure this strain - I  
must have a respite some  
way. The well business drags. Stop  
today on account of pipe not coming.  
Worked some towards evening.

Over to Johnson place as usual.

Sunday - Mar. 29 So tired out I  
slept till near noon. Mr &  
Mrs. Hogeland & son came home  
from Church with Mrs T. & took



The H's are from Fairview. Are looking for a grove to buy. Tried before to interest them in the Boulevard place, but no use.

Monday, Mar. 30 Busy day at Johnson place at the well, but little headway. Tired of it & so discouraged. The formations are claimed to be different from any he ever met with before. deep layers of stiff clay alternating with sand & deep down some 80 to 90 feet a strata of shell some 7 ft. through.

Shipped today 100 grape fruit home. Packed in 3 boxes, the vacancies filled with oranges. Got them of Mrs Walz @ \$4 per 100. She brot them over.

Tuesday, Mar. 31 Received a form of Release of Mortgage against Herbert Wood for



... is expected in a week  
once as he had sold his farm  
& wanted to pay it. Wrote to Elder  
with the Release about the  
sale of my Iowa land. See L.B.  
Sent all to Joy to forward. I  
thought best. The Richardses  
left Sat. & Mon. Mrs. R. gone  
North (North Carolina) home with  
her mother & Mary R. gone to  
keep house for Buford who  
works for Mr. Osborn. Hope he will  
do him better justice than he has me.  
Mary brot the keys over. At night as I  
came home from work I drove up  
to Boulevard House & found both  
gates wide open.

Wednesday, Apr 1 The first really  
warm day we have had, that I  
could ride without a wrap of some  
sort & at evening had to put on Cape  
& little shawl. Mrs. B. went over  
& worked in grapes. I came  
home early, & got oil & etc to  
paint with & mixed paint for



priming weeds. scared one for  
Mrs. B. on a blind. Got home  
late. Mr. J. quit work today.  
Daisy whitewashing the house.  
Been at it now two days & I  
prepared all the wash. Will  
take probably two days more for  
house & barn. Dreadfully  
low. Got well pipe down  
about 100 ft. & no sign of water.

Thursday, Apr. 2 Busy at the  
Taylor place. Work on the well  
progressing slowly. The well  
man thinks he has struck rock  
with the drill, but has a hard  
drive through the shell &c.  
A colored man Jas. T. Taylor  
came for work this morning.  
Set him to dig rose bed. A  
good worker. In P. M. threatened  
rain. Started home, i.e. Mrs. B.  
& I, & got caught in rain. Just  
as I got in the carriage house



"poured. Mr. Donahoe began his  
work with Sawyer in Hainey's Shoe  
business. His interest at \$500. Mrs. B.  
worked some in vineyard & painted  
some. Carpenter - the Sweed, Turin  
quit at work. Mr. Whitcomb &  
Mr. Stone at the Mill. Walter  
Boyd quit whitewashing today.  
Put in 3 days (less 1 hour) on the house  
& Barn @ \$1.50 per day.

Friday Apr. 3 Cloudy & sprinkly  
all noon. Went over to Taylor  
place & took Mrs. B. to work at  
painting. I came home before  
noon. Mr. T. Rich with cold. Found  
there had been a man to rent  
Boulevard house. He came  
again in evening. A Mr. Thorstein  
an Artist - Mechanic &c. like  
him who if he may rent. Called  
at Mr. Walz's again & got some  
grape fruit. Bro't Mrs. B. home  
before sundown. quit. I had  
to go to Taylor. Call at the  
Mill work today. John Boyd



(Cold) no men, dog running  
from Painters. Got out 3 loads &  
scattered it on the ~~Field~~ Taylor  
grove. Not big days work. This  
tobacco is doubtful economy.  
Letter from Joy & Doc. & Pat  
They three will take Fiddis grow  
in partnership, each  $\frac{1}{3}$  of it.

Saturday Apr 4/91 Took Mrs B.  
over to Taylor place to prime  
I mixed paint & looked  
after things generally. Came  
home at noon to meet  
Mr. Thornton who comes to  
rent my Boulevard place. He  
was here last evening to see  
me about it. The well dug  
off today. Mr Stone off in P.M.  
Carpenter only one there  
Mr Thornton was here at  
noon & I agreed with him  
about rent. He takes it for  
<sup>or</sup> one year at \$10. per mo. & I



me run work. I am sorry for the poor man. I am sorry for him. At evening Lee Morris came to see about the work in Fiddis grove. Joe Boyd

Sunday, Apr 5. Very cool but clear & pleasant. Rested & wrote home.

Monday, Apr. 6. Cold, cold frost in low places Ther. low as  $35^{\circ}$  here but froze ice in places. Wind in night very severe, probably saved the freeze. Ther. barely reached  $65^{\circ}$  during the day. Wind went down middle of P.M. I didn't go over to Taylor place till 9 A.M. as it was so cold. Took Mrs B. over to Prime blinds. Mr Stone there at work with the Carpenter Turn quit. Whitcomb at the mill Very hard driving in shell rock. He thinks he will soon get water. Done Nov 1057



Terrible time for water everywhere. Joe Boyd hauling tobacco with Bob onto the home grove on in P. M. on the Fiddlers grove. Put 4400 lbs on the home grove of big trees. I went down to the "60" to get linseed meal for horses. Jas Taylor (Cold) at work fertilizing. Prepared paint for inside work at Taylor place. Mrs. Walz here. Mr. Thornton moving into house on Boulevard today.

Tuesday Apr. 7/91

An unprecedented frost for the time of year, in Fla. Ther. down to  $32^{\circ}$  frost & ice formed. Grapes hurt quite badly. Vegetables killed. It seems too bad.

Morning very cool though the Ther. came up quite rapidly. Went over to Taylor



place. Mrs B. painting blinds.  
Mr. Stone went to town to Court at  
about 9 & back about one. Worked  
at paint. I mixed &c. Mrs Waltz  
came with grape fruit &c.  
Must to bed & up early.

Wednesday Apr 8. Up early & without  
breakfast drove down to Mrs Swifts  
to call for Mr & Mrs House. Broke  
them up here & gave them oranges  
& then drove up to Seymour's  
grove, Mr H. walking. Took  
them back to Mrs. Swifts. They  
are "life long friends of Wil & Helen  
Seymours". Met Mrs Waltz —  
Don't know but I have offended  
her. Came home for Mrs B. to  
go up to Taylor place to paint.  
I mixed paints &c. Very, very busy.  
Almost tired out. Oh for a rest.  
But when or how is it to come  
Hall black Jim here working on  
the lawn. Another young darkey  
that Mrs Telford sent over at  
the tobacco here on home place



to this grove & to Joy, Pets &  
Mrs Sangers & at the Fidd's  
grove. Lee Morris & darky  
hauling fertilizer stumps to  
Fidd's grove & to Winter grove  
& in P.M. plowing Fidd's grove  
Thus I have at work today, Mrs  
B. Mr Stone, Lee Morris &  
darky; Joe Boyd, Jim Taylor  
Walter — & Mr Whitcomb &  
nigger at the well — nine  
in all. I am so tired of all this  
Is there no way out!

Thurs - Apr. 9 Very busy at  
the painting. Mr Stone & Mrs  
Stone both at it. & Mrs B.

Irvingquit finished the carpenter  
work Tues. Mr Stone put in a  
kitchen Cupboard on Wed. I  
drove to Mr Waltz & to Telfords  
in P.M. & called at Mrs Lindley's

Friday Apr. 10 Very busy.  
Joe Boyd plowing on the Winn  
Fidd's grove till noon, as also  
yesterday all day



Friday P. M. he began plowing on the  
home grove. Had Walter spread  
ing fertilizer. Jim Taylor set  
at the grubbing on the Fiddis  
place. Mr & Mrs Stone at painting  
Mrs B. not well about her home  
at noon. In P. M. I drove over  
to Waltz with Mrs. ~~Taylor~~ ~~Stone~~.  
Saturday, Apr. 11/91

Went early &  
alone to Taylor place. Helped  
Mr Stone about painting. Mr.  
N. not at the well. No one at  
work but Mr Stone & I. Got  
the painting all done, i.e. the  
chief part. The Sash & Blinds  
yet to do. I worked very hard all  
P. M. Had letter tonight that my  
old horse Frank is dead - died  
the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. I am so sorry. How  
I will miss the old fellow.

Sunday, Apr 12. A beautiful  
day. Mr May was baptised  
at Bap Church today. Dr. Dyer



Charlie harnessed & took Mrs  
Ten Eyck over to Taylor place.  
Mr T. rode Boy over. Father  
note me went as a big fire  
had just been raging in Mr  
Waltz woods next west of my  
Lake grove & he put out some  
fire that was creeping up into  
my grove. Mrs. T. is not at  
all well. Have her medicined  
today. She thinks it the remains  
of the fever she had two years  
ago. Wrote long letter home  
tonight.

Monday Apr 13  
Had Mr. Whitcomb  
here this morn to sand pump  
the well. Have water now.  
Drove over to Boulevard  
place to see if the well there  
was in order. Saw the son  
Herbert Thornton at the pump



4 in diam seems a new  
about it so sent Whitcomb over  
He reported well all right &  
plenty of water. I drove over to  
Taylor place & called on Mrs.  
Dundley who told me that Mr.  
Waltz was very angry because  
the fire got from their chair  
into his pine timber &  
burned it over. He has kept it as a  
fire trap for years declaring he  
would not have it burnt over  
for \$200. Now the fire came  
in spite of him & when the wind  
was favorable to me & saved  
one great possible damage &  
I am glad it is burned. I lose  
a long line of fence, but  
that is small compared with  
the possible damage to trees  
in grove had the wind been  
West instead of East.  
Whitcomb worked on Well  
in P.M. Got down 5 ft.



Tues. Apr 14 - 2000 - 5. piece  
but found no one there. Mr.  
Stone is moving today. At noon  
Whitcomb came & went to work  
on well. I felt so miserably I  
came home & laid down.  
Mr. Mr. Stone & Mary & on  
their way out to new home,  
walking. Mrs Stone drove  
the team with load of goods.  
I was sorry not to turn back  
& carry Mary but I felt too  
sick myself to do so.

Wednesday, Apr 15

I had a talk with Rev Mc  
Kinney yesterday. He wants  
the Boulevard place for  
the Miners' property. Says  
if I will donate it they will  
put up a Chapel at once  
& name it Skinner Chapel  
- a "Memorial Chapel"



we supposed memorial <sup>chapels</sup>  
were built for dead people —  
Am I in error? Mr Stetson  
is expected home this week,  
possibly today. I hear nothing  
from him in answer to my  
letter. McKim wanted to know  
if I would take \$5000. for  
the Boulevard place &  
said as much as to say  
if I would they (the University)  
would buy it & build a Chapel  
at once. That Stetson  
intends to build a big thing  
for University on the Strack  
grove &c. Inquired about  
fence stuff &c. Thornton  
wants to build fence. He told  
me this morn'g that "Herbert  
had not been up for a week till  
today." I saw him out doors  
& talked with him yesterday  
morn'g. What does he mean!  
He told me his wife had been



my, are so worn across the  
room from one bed to another  
for one week. I saw her out on  
the porch at work yesterday.  
What does the man mean !!!

Wednesday Apr 22

A whole week has  
passed since I wrote in this  
book. How time does fly! The  
work of the last week, Thurs &  
Fri, were about as usual. On  
Saturday, Apr. 18 I took the noon  
train for Orlando. Fare one way  
\$2<sup>85</sup> I drove over to depot  
with Mrs. Lee Eyck, & Mr. J.  
met us there & took the horse  
home. I arrived at Orlando  
about 3 P. M. Mr Cotton met me  
at depot with a new Phaeton  
chaise, present from Mr. Stan-  
wood to Mrs Cotton. Their horse  
"Ch. Summer" is a chunk of  
a fellow much like "Boy"  
horse. They have a good two



out; Mrs Cotton welcomed me most cordially & made my visit very pleasant & nice every way.

We had fresh Strawberries & Cucumbers from their own garden. Their place is much improved & every thing flourishing. Mr. Cotton has the best looking grove in all that region. The orange industry in Orlando vicinity is no where equal to what it is in this vicinity. Sunday Apr. 19

Mr Cotton took me around to see the various sights about their part of the country. The beautiful little lakes, so numerous, are the chief attraction here. One place of 10 acres in grove some 13 yrs old owned by one Chas Grove, Mr Cotton thought a bargain at \$7000. Some 500 trees about like the Fiddis grove, but have never borne to amount to anything



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me to the Haynes Vineyard.  
Found Mr H. in good spirits.  
Met Mrs H. for the first time  
& had a pleasant chat.  
Their vineyards were all cut  
off the growth & fruit in  
the hail storm, but are  
now again full of growth &  
fruit. His three yr old vineyard



#1500. per acre. He has one hundred men at work clearing land for the Company's vineyard. They are to plant some three to four hundred acres &c. Grape industry, (Niagara), is booming here.

Just as we left Mr. Haynes the rain came down. We were well protected with side curtains & rubber apron & had no trouble. Had three showers on our way to depot. Had an hour to wait. Took cars for home at 12<sup>14</sup>. Arrived home about 3 P.M. Mr. Ten Eyck waited for me with my horse & Phaeton. Mrs. Ten Eyck was to come for me, but Mrs. B. took her place peremptorily & went up to Telfords. Probably is she will go there to keep house for them when Mrs. T. goes North. Mrs. Ten Eyck was evidently hurt & disappointed at Mrs. B. doing so. Mrs. Telford did not



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over that time. Deemed vexed at it. Mrs. B. had left word that I was to go over to Mr. Telfords as I came home. I supposed Mrs Telford had sent an invitation as Miss Rundell was there, (came Sat.) but it proved to be all a scheme of Mrs B's to get over there by riding to depot & get home by my driving over there. As it was I went without a swallow of food or drink from 6 1/2 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Tues. Apr. 21. I drove to the Telfords for Miss Rundell. Took her to the Co's home to lunch on bread & milk & fruit. Then drove to the Taylor place & to Mr. Walz's home with Miss R. at Telford, then to town for mail & home at dusk. Rained quite a little in the night.



Of getting colored help

On the cars between Winter Park & De Land I had a talk with a Mrs. Dr. J. B. Kedney from Faribault Minn., who spends winters at Winter Park (out in country) & takes her colored servant with her from Charleston, S. C. She had with her one she was returning to her home. She paid her \$3. per week & expenses there & back. She was a very nice looking colored woman, a widow - one of the better class. She wished she might go with me as laundress, but was not well enough. Said she would try & get me one or. Her name is Mrs. Annie M. Mathews, # 66 Spring St. Charleston, S. C. I gave her some addressed envelopes to write me here.

Mrs. Kedney gave the following address of a woman she



woman. Maggie Oliver,  
of Miss M. R. Ingham, #308 Walnut  
St. Phil. Pa. I must write her.  
She is Irish but a Superior  
woman. Wrote her this morning of  
Wednesday Apr 22, a letter  
of inquiry.

Thursday, Apr 23 Mr Stetson  
home today from Phil. & Mrs. S.  
with him. Drove down to the 60  
& to Lake Grove. Eight men on  
the "60" with three teams. Mr Stone  
budding the old lemon Stock  
shoots over. Putting a whole car  
of Tobacco leaf on the "60"

Friday Apr 24 Recd letter from  
Stetson saying he had not recd.  
any letter from me in Phil. so I  
put up the copies from letter book  
to send him. I drove over to Taylor  
place & took Mrs B. over to work  
on Vineyard, as also yesterday,  
when I fixed paint for Will S. to  
paint Dash etc. He is as nearly a  
worthless specimen of a boy.



his feet. <sup>our, so</sup> Miserable, worthless fellow  
In afternoon I went down to the  
60 & to the 10. Look Stone along to  
count trees & look after things  
there. Result of Count on the 16  
acres as follows — On the 10 & 6  
778 bearing orange trees. 15  
sour orange trees. 115 Pear trees  
5 to 6 yrs old & 364 small " "  
planted last season. 40 peach  
trees bearing fruit & 42 not bearing  
All told 1404 trees on the 16 acres.  
I came home via town & Telfords.  
Took Mrs. J. over to Mrs. William's  
to tea. Miss ~~Telford~~ Rundell &  
Mr Telford walked over. I then  
went to Taylor place for Mrs.  
B. & home, tired.

Saturday Apr 25. Here it is the  
month almost gone & no plans  
for going home. The grip &  
Pneumonia are so bad north  
it is deemed not prudent for me to  
go North now on account of the  
grip & pneumonia. When can I go?



rained steadily all night & all forenoon. About noon it partly cleared up, but soon rained again. Men all here after their weeks wages. Kept busy. Mr Stone here in P.M. Mr Thornton & son here in the evening.

Sunday Apr 26 Cleared off & a beautiful day, but cooler.

Monday Apr 27

It began to rain last evening about 9 & "poured" all night & continued all day with slight intervals. I sent for Joe Boyd to come & do the chores &c. Mr Stone called near evening, to see about the planting. Will get 400 or more orange trees & plant in the 60 where the lemon trees were killed last year in March frost. This unusually heavy rain makes planting favorable.



your crown is good as you  
Tuesday Apr. 28 Alf early out to  
farm. Found Walter there & we fed  
the horses & he cleaned them off.  
Joe came late. Boy horse had  
only time to eat his oats, no hay.  
Shameful. I drove to town &  
saw Sargent about Deeds of  
Fiddis grove &c. They had come.  
I came & got check books to  
make the payment, but didn't  
go back. Found callers - Mr &  
Johnson, Mrs Lewis & a bunch  
back that reminded me of the one  
Phebe <sup>Moyer</sup> that used to be with Nona.  
After they left I drove over to  
Hayberger's to see about trees.  
Saw Mr Frank she recommended  
Fred Jarvis. So I came back  
to 60 & found him there. His  
prices were reasonable &  
so I drove down to his place.  
They were just at dinner. They  
invited me in to dinner, but



Mr. Harris bro't me a saucer  
of beautiful - delicious straw-  
berries & bread & butter & I had  
a nice lunch all by myself.  
When Mr. H. was done dinner we  
went over the nursery & grove  
He has much fruit yet & very  
nice. He says he is much  
disappointed that prices are so  
low this late. His prices for trees  
are \$20 per 100 of trees under an  
inch except Tangarines & Tardys  
which are <sup>to 1 1/4</sup> \$25 per 100 in 500 lots.  
For ~~1 to 1 1/4~~ inch trees price \$35.  
or \$30 per hundred in 500 lots &  
for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. 45 or 40 per  
100 in 500 lots Trees good. Told him  
to deliver me a load at the box  
tomorrow by 10 A.M. of his  
own choice.

Wednesday Apr. 29 I took  
Mrs Bromley over to Taylor's  
place to work on vineyard  
then went to the '60' Harris sent the



cheaper for the quality than ~~the~~  
Aristons. I helped about the bushes  
Mr Stone, with Will Stone went to  
setting the trees while Joe Boyd  
hauling water around. Short of  
help, so I drove out & picked  
up couple of boys, (nigs) one digs  
holes & one scatters fertilizer &  
banks up. We put small quantity  
of tobacco on top. Will put some  
bone on later. My choice would  
have been to reverse it, but Mr.  
Stone chose this. My reason is that the  
trees cannot take up fertilizer till  
it has thrown out new roots &  
begins to grow hence has none  
for the tobacco that throws off its  
virtues at once & goes to waste  
while the bone would act more  
slowly & lift top. I came home at  
noon & then back to the G.O. & then  
back & went for Mrs B. & her son.  
Thursday Apr 30. Took Mrs B. to  
Vineyard & then went to "G.O." From  
there went to Fred Varriss's to see



arrived 100 in P.M. about getting  
tired. Came home to dinner & then  
back to "60" & thence to the 10 to see  
about work there. Morris two  
teams at plows, H. Dixon at  
fertilizing, Walter Wright at  
scattering bone. Am putting on  
bone & potash on the ten  
grove. Will put linseed meal  
on the small pear trees & bone  
& potash on the large pear  
& peach trees. This will be done  
as soon as they are done in the 60.  
So Mr. Stone can see to it.

One incident of Tues. I omitted. As  
I was driving out of the 60 to go to  
the 10, Stetson & Jameson  
came dashing up. Stetson called  
out - "You are just the woman  
I want to see". I rec'd the propo-  
sitions about groves Saturday.  
Now I have just one thing to  
say. I want the Boulevard  
place for the University. I  
will give you \$5000. cash.



Chuck now. I have a telegram  
Come back at once to Phil. I must  
go tomorrow morning. It is dis-  
appointing that I wanted to have  
with you, so can only say none.  
The Chuck is ready any time you  
will take \$5000. If you won't  
take this, I will put up a big  
building on my own ground  
across from University & then I  
won't give you \$3000. for your  
Now if J. B. Stetson had left off  
this closing threat I might have  
concluded, for the sake of the  
object, to let him have the prop-  
erty for \$5000. But he has been  
I am not to be bullied by him  
or any other purse proud pop-  
in-jay, hence I shook my  
head & asked him to drive  
home, as he would probably  
wish to drive faster than I  
would & so he dashed across  
the <sup>RR</sup> crossing, at the switch  
& was soon far ahead. I am



as ~~he~~ said in that threat for I would  
like to have the University have  
the place. Wish I were able to get  
it to the University, but I can't be  
seared into any such thing by Mr  
Stetson. I will write Jay for her  
opinion. At evening I drove over  
for Mrs. B.

Friday May 1 Went to "60" early.  
Found Mr. Norris had sent the  
600 trees as promised last night.  
Mr. Stone said he wanted the  
next load by 10 A.M. Saturday  
so I drove down to Mr. Norris.  
Took Mrs. Ten Eyck along. The  
day has been perfect. Rained last  
night real hard, & every thing  
is lovely this morning. Saw Mr. N.  
about trees & then drove on to  
Highland Park to get Spanish  
moss for Mrs. Ten Eyck. It is too  
bad to see such a property  
going to decay. Major Norris  
put over \$18000 into the Hotel  
& there it stands empty & going



as only the front porch having fallen  
down &c. The furniture is being  
sold. The only habitation there  
is a man & wife in a little building  
called Post office, with some groceries  
&c. Mrs. T. was delighted with her  
ride. Came home via Ben Cooks.  
In P. M. I drove to town & got glass  
to put in windows at Taylor place.  
Drove over there with it. Called  
at Mrs. Lindley's & got a sack of Car-  
coal for Mrs. T. Drove over  
to Waltons & had a nice visit  
with Mrs. Walts. & engaged some  
krappe fruit trees. Came home  
by town & got mail. Letter from  
home tells of Henry Ashway's death  
Apoplexy.

Saturday May 2 Took Mrs. Ten Eyck  
up to Capit Woods & round to Mrs.  
Helfords &c. In P. M. went over  
to Taylor place & to Mrs. Lindley's &  
got some Charcoal for Mrs. T.  
No work on the Well. Went down to  
the 60 also. A busy day.



Monday May 4 Wrote long letter home  
Drove down to 6  
Norris sent 150 trees, at 10 A.M.  
Came home to feed Charlie. In  
P.M. drove over to Wales to see  
about grape fruit again & found  
he had only seedlings, so will not  
get them. Saw Mrs Lindley & went  
to Taylor place. No well men  
there. Drove to Telfords. Took  
him to town & met Whitcomb at  
Depot. Told him to come here  
in morning & put down well  
here, one of his stone pipe ones. Came  
home early as Mrs T. had invited  
the Hogelands to tea. Had a  
pleasant time. I took Mrs H. home  
to Mrs. <sup>or</sup> Voorhes.

Tuesday May 5 Whitcomb came  
worked on Well here. I went &  
borrowed May's "Spudger" to cut  
roots with. My darkey Ben H  
came to see about the grubbing



7 cunrps on radio place, has  
been at it some days. Drove over  
to see about it. Set him on the  
charing, in the grubbing along the  
street. Am to pay him \$10. to make  
it in condition for the plow &  
pay him ten cts a piece for dig-  
ging & burying stumps in the  
Fiddis grove. He does it all nice.  
I got a new grub hoe which Ben  
took for himself. Met Rev. McKim  
in town & had a talk about the  
University & Boulevard place  
They want it but Stetson will not  
pay more than \$5000. for it. I came  
home to see about the well etc.  
& went down to 60 Still plant-  
ing trees. Stone & Will & H.  
Dixon & Joe Boyd. Four of them  
been at the trees for more than a  
week 450 trees. Mr. May's two  
men would plant them all  
in two days. Mr. Stone wants screens  
at the house. He will buy them, I will  
not. After dinner I drove over to  
Kelbonds. Had a fine shower & I



...over. Came  
...to McHenry about Boulder  
+ to Detroit that I would accept  
his offer of \$5000. for B. place  
See L.B. Letter from Jay strongly  
advising me to do so. Retired about  
2 o'clock. Sat night 2 1/2 in a m.  
Wednesday, May 6 At home most of  
the day looking after the well dig-  
ing. Whitcomb has worked, with  
one Mig to help, Tues, & today - 2 days  
& finished up tonight. He went  
down to a strata of clay & has the  
stone pipe well bedded in  
the clay bottom. He put in eleven,  
2 ft. lengths of his stone tubing  
& 4 length of my Cement tubing  
& a small piece less than a  
foot, of his own between. The  
pumps dry too quick. He will  
come in the morning & see if  
he can help it. I had to harness &  
drive over to Stones place.



for 1 Whitcomb's coats. & you  
from the University called to  
me to join Gaskell Literary Cl  
I did, because he was doing  
earn money to continue in the  
University. Paid \$7<sup>75</sup> for a  
handsome premium vol  
of Shakespear. It will be of  
little use to me, but it will  
help him to get other names.  
Miss Richardson came with  
flowers to decorate at the Un  
iversity. Mrs T. gave her quite  
a lot & loaned her some  
flowers in bloom.

Thursday, May 7 Up very  
early to look after work. The  
well Mr Whitcomb has put down  
here is a fair success - at least  
we will give it a trial. He  
has spent just two days on it.  
It is 11 lengths of his stone pipe of  
1 ft. each, from the bottom to  
a broken length of about 1 ft. of  
his when my Cement pipe of



four lengths (2 ft. each) begins  
thus the well, from surface  
of the ground, is 23 ft. to the ce-  
ment pipe & nearly 7 ft of cement  
lying to top of ground with  
about 1 ft. of pipe above the  
ground. Over the cement pipe  
is a tin cover from an old  
stew pan that just fits on the  
rim of cement pipe & is held  
down by pieces of shingle as  
braces nailed to side of box  
that forms cover surround-  
ing the pipe. The iron pump  
pipe fits perfectly tight through  
this tin cover. Thus the well  
is perfectly tight & impossible  
for anything, even the thinnest  
roach!! to find entrance into  
to the water pipe. Now if this  
is not pure as surface water  
can be then I don't know  
what can be pure. Through  
pure sand, to a pure hard clay  
bottom, stone pipes, perfectly  
tight. Water standing in pipes about



ten ft. so that the lift is only about 20 ft. + hence should pump fairly easy. There is a foot valve on the lower end of the pipe so there may be no possible going back of the water, &c. &c. I went to town on errands then out to 60 & to Kingsbury's to get Mr. Rop to make a "Sprind" an implement with which to cut off the top roots of trees when they are to be taken out for transplanting &c. I furnished an old grub hoe to use for the cutting blade. This welded onto an iron gas pipe,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  size, about six ft. long for handle. This has an union on the end so it may be lengthened if desired by screwing on a longer pipe. Mr Stone began today to move the large trees outside the grove - on street, inside. There are 18 to move - 14 of them belong to Varnum, Rundell &



set in line of owners in the grove  
Got four moved today. I planned  
for the work tomorrow. Holes  
to be dug for the big trees. The  
trash to be cleared up from  
the grove. Holes made to be  
filled up &c. &c. Mr Stone  
to be away. Came home to see  
Charlie. After dinner took  
Mrs T. with me. Went to  
town & attended to various  
items of biz. Sent telegram  
to Pet about her part in the  
grove here &c &c. then  
drove over to Stones. Found  
Whitcomb at the new well  
begun for pipe of stone.  
Had him plug up the iron  
pipe he has worked on  
so long & start this well  
just at side of it. He offers to  
get me a satisfactory well  
there & if he fails, will  
not charge a cent for it



I to have from now till next winter, till I come down, to test it. If a failure then he will continue the bored well. Oh dear, what a trial this well biz has been to me. Drove to Mrs Lindley's, Mrs Walz, to see roses & Mrs J. to get subscribers to her paper - the May Flower she got Mrs Walz & Mr Bradley on the Boulevard. Came home by town & waited for the mail. After I got home Fred Norris called for the money on the 450 trees delivered on the 60 grove. Sizes from 1 in up to 1 1/2, prices from 20 to 40 cts per M. Let me have them at M rates. Will take the bal. soon at same rate. I paid him \$152 <sup>51</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for the 450 trees, an average of almost 34 cts each. Some quite large trees among them the sorts are as follows



of Fred Norris, paid May 7/91

Apr 29, 50 Seedling 1 to 1 1/4 inch @ 30<sup>cts</sup> = 15.00

" " 50 Tangerines 1 to 1 1/4 " @ 35<sup>cts</sup> = 17.50

" 30 " 50 Seedling 1 to 1 1/4 in @ 30<sup>cts</sup> = 15.00

" " " Datsumas " " " = 15.00

May 2<sup>a</sup> 50 Jaffas 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. 40<sup>cts</sup> = 20.00

" " 50 Early Oblong (or Sweet Seville)  
at 40 cts, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in 20.00

" 4 Med. Sweet 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in @ 40 = 20.00

" " 50 Homarossa 1 to 1 1/4 @ 30 = 15.00

" " 50 Mandarines " " = 15.00

Total 450 trees costing \$ 152.50

Paid May 7/91



# Well K.

Work on a bored well at  
Taylor place by Ira W. Whitcomb

May 1891, settled — Worked on  
bored well 210 hours @ 40 cts.

to amt of ————— \$84.00

For 114 feet of 2 1/4 in gas pipe @ 16 = 18.24

Paid to Whitcomb = 102.24

" to his helper ————— 31.50

Amt. sunk in this well \$133.74

Abandoned it & he put down

a tubed well. Conditions are, if

the tubed well does not prove a

success I have nothing to pay. Will

have all summer to try it in. Next

winter when I come down, if it is

all we need there I will pay for it.

If not useful, will have the boring

completed.

Tubed well at home place May 5

& 6 worked on it — 2 days @ \$4 = 8.00

Helper 2 days @ \$1.25 = 2.50

22 ft. of tubing @ .20 per ft = 4.40

8 " of iron " = 1.60

Had pump & pipe from old well \$16.50



stones to work at little trees. She made  
a fool of herself. I drove to Mr Walto  
+ took Mrs. W. in & we drove to the  
60 & through by the Switch down by  
Hudson's grove & out & around  
Stations to see his company.  
She saw his Fish pond!! his 40 &  
Had a nice visit. She told me of Mrs.  
Stewart's romance. It seems she is not  
a Mrs Stewart Mrs Richman - pro  
nounced Radclou or something sim  
ilar. It seems he was a widower &  
had two daughters. They lived in  
Ga. Macon I think. He a criminal  
langer. His mother & family didn't  
want him to marry again. Mrs Stew  
or Mrs. R. was a great widow. Under  
the assumed name of Stewart they have  
lived together for many years - <sup>ten</sup>  
at least. He was supposed to be a trav  
eling man but no one knew in what  
line of goods he. It leaked out of the  
frank they were living. Mrs Broom  
in whose home Mrs. S. lived when  
he was away. So Mrs Broom wrote him  
he must set things right. Here. Major  
R. came on. Had stroke of paralysis  
& died here. They claimed they were  
legally married but their Certificate  
was burned but made no effort to  
get a copy of. Mrs Broom is ~~not~~  
satisfied & allows Mrs. S. to stay there  
The Mother is dead. The daughters  
are delighted with Mr. S. &  
Quite a romance!



